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By email

Ms. Victoria Rutson
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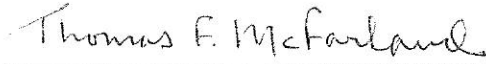
Re: Docket No. AB-1099X, *Sunflour Railroad, Inc. -- Abandonment Exemption -- in
Roberts and Marshall Counties, SD*

Dear Ms. Rutson:

I am pleased to hereby forward a copy of a letter to me dated July 30, 2012 from J.D. Vogt, South Dakota Historic Preservation Officer. The SHPO has concluded that the structures on the involved rail line do not meet any criteria for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The SHPO has recommended that the Board submit a determination of "no historic properties affected" to the SHPO for concurrence.

Based on the foregoing, Sunflour Railroad, Inc. respectfully requests that the historic preservation condition to approval of the proposed abandonment be removed.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas F. McFarland
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PROJECT CONSULTATION

Project: 120423004F – Sunflour Railroad, Inc. Abandonment of Rail Line Milepost No. 228.2 to Milepost 236.2 in South Dakota
Location: Multiple Counties
(STB)

Dear Mr. McFarland:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above referenced project. On July 26, 2012, I received the additional information prepared by Dr. Don L. Hofsommer concerning the eligibility of the railroad for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Based on Dr. Hofsommer assessment, the property does not appear to meeting any of the National Register Criteria.

Therefore, I recommend the Surface Transportation Board, the federal agency responsible for compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, submit a determination of "No Historic Properties Effected" to my office for concurrence.

Should you require any additional information, please contact Paige Olson at (605) 773-6004. Your concern for the non-renewable cultural heritage of our state is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jay D. Vogt
State Historic Preservation Officer

Paige Olson
Review & Compliance Coordinator